CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-954
Pine Grove United Brethren in Christ Church
19401 Middletown Road
Middletown, Baltimore County
1890
Private

Constructed in 1890 in the Sixth District community of Rayville, the Pine Grove United Brethren in Christ Church is representative of the many Gothic Revival style churches built throughout Baltimore County in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The 1877 county atlas indicates that by the late 19th century, Rayville Post Office was beginning to take shape as a crossroads community at the terminus of Rayville Road at Middletown Road. At that time, the northern portion of the village was home to the Pine Grove United Brethren in Christ Church that had been built between 1850 and 1877. The extant church was erected in 1890 as a replacement of the earlier building. The wood-frame church was constructed in the Gothic Revival style, which was introduced to the United States in the 1830s by architect Alexander Jackson Davis and popularized through the pattern books of landscape architect Andrew Jackson Downing as a reaction against Classicism. Reflective of this style are the square bell tower with steeple and pointed-arch windows. The Gothic Revival style abstracted elements from Gothic cathedrals of medieval Europe, primarily those of England and France. Although introduced to the United States in the 1830s by architect Alexander Jackson Davis, Andrew Jackson Downing, a landscape architect, popularized the Gothic Revival during the last half of the 19th century as a reaction against Classicism.

Presently clad in vinyl siding, the one-and-a-half-story, three-bay-wide church has an asphalt-shingled front gable roof and a solid random rubble stone foundation. Dominating the façade is the two-story, one-bay-square projecting bell tower with a wood-shingled conical roof that is steeply pitched. Supporting the steeple are molded wood frame posts with molded wood strainer arches. The church fronts west and sits back from the road with an asphalt parking lot to the west and south. The main entry is located on the south side of the bell tower, which features sash-and-paneled double-leaf metal door with a pointed-arch multi-light stained glass transom. Directly above the entry is a round multi-light fixed stained glass window. The west elevation of the tower is pierced by one pointed-arch multi-light stained glass window in the first story below one round multi-light fixed stained glass window. One pointed-arch multi-light stained glass window is located on the north elevation of the tower. Flanking the tower are two lancet-arched multi-light stained glass windows. The east elevation of the church is marked by a central one-story projecting bay with a half-hipped roof beside an exterior stretcher bond brick chimney. Extending from the south elevation of the four-bay-deep church is a two-story stretcher bond brick-veneered educational building that dates to 1973. The addition is seven bays wide with an asphalt-shingled side gable roof.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

1. Name of F	Property	(indicate preferred r	name)					
historic	Pine Grove Uni	ted Brethren in Christ Churc	h (prefe	rred)				
other	Pine Grove Uni	ted Methodist Church						
2. Location								
street and number	19401 Middleto	own Road					_ not for	publication
city, town	Middletown						_ vicinity	0
county	Baltimore Cour	nty						
3. Owner of	Property	(give names and mailing	address	ses of al	l owners)		
name	Trustees of Pine	e Grove United Brethren Ch	arch					
street and number	19401 Middleto	own Road				telephone	Not Ava	ilable
city, town	Middletown		state	MD		zip code	21769	
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Condition

	_excellent	deteriorated
X	good	ruins
_	fair	altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Pine Grove United Brethren in Christ Church was constructed in 1890 as a Gothic Revival style wood frame building that is presently clad in vinyl siding. The one-and-a-half-story, three-bay-wide church has an asphalt-shingled front gable roof and a solid random rubble stone foundation. Dominating the façade is the two-story, one-bay-square projecting bell tower with a wood-shingled conical roof that is steeply pitched. Supporting the steeple are molded wood frame posts with molded wood strainer arches. The church fronts west and sits back from the road with an asphalt parking lot to the west and south. The main entry is located on the south side of the bell tower, which features sash-and-paneled double-leaf metal door with a pointed-arch multilight stained glass transom. Directly above the entry is a round multi-light fixed stained glass window. The west elevation of the tower is pierced by one pointed-arch multi-light stained glass window in the first story below one round multi-light fixed stained glass window. One pointed-arch multi-light stained glass window is located on the north elevation of the tower. Flanking the tower are two lancet-arched multi-light stained glass windows. The east elevation of the church is marked by a central one-story projecting bay with a half-hipped roof beside an exterior stretcher bond brick chimney. Extending from the south elevation of the four-bay-deep church is a two-story stretcher bond brick-veneered educational building that dates to 1973. The addition is seven bays wide with an asphalt-shingled side gable roof.

A cemetery of approximately 900 graves is associated with the church and is sited to the east. The graves are arranged roughly into thirty-five west-facing rows of nearly twenty-five graves each. Most of the grave markers are granite upright headstones, however the oldest markers are of marble. Some obelisk markers are present. Family names recorded in the cemetery include Stiffler, Hayes, Wilson, Cross, Ensor, Tracey, Miller, Bosley, and Cooper.

The circa 1940 shed is a one-story wood frame building clad in beaded vertical board siding with a side gable roof clad in standing seam metal. The inset roof overhang is supported by angled wood post braces. The five-bay-wide building is pierced by two beaded-vertical-board single-leaf doors. A small section of the roof hangs over each side of the building, previously sheltering two attached privies that flanked the structure. The walls of the privies have since been removed.

The picnic shelter dates to circa 1980 and features a wood frame structural system of square posts that support a gable roof clad in asphalt shingles.

8. Signific	ance			Inventory No. BA- 954
Period	Areas of Significance	Check and j	ustify below	
1600-1699 1700-1799 X 1800-1899 X 1900-1999 2000-	agriculture archeology X architecture art commerce communications community planning conservation	 economics education engineering entertainment/ recreation ethnic heritage exploration/ settlement 	health/medicine industry invention landscape architectu law literature maritime history military	performing arts philosophy politics/government ure X religion science social history transportation other:
Specific dates	1890-present		Architect/Builder U	nknown
Construction da	ites 1890, 1973			
Evaluation for:				
97 	National Register		Maryland Register	X not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	.50 Acre	_		
Acreage of historical setting	Unknown			
Quadrangle name	New Freedom	Quadrangle scale:	1:24,000	-

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 1890, the Pine Grove United Brethren in Christ Church has been associated with tax parcel 79 of map 11 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

11. Form Prepared by

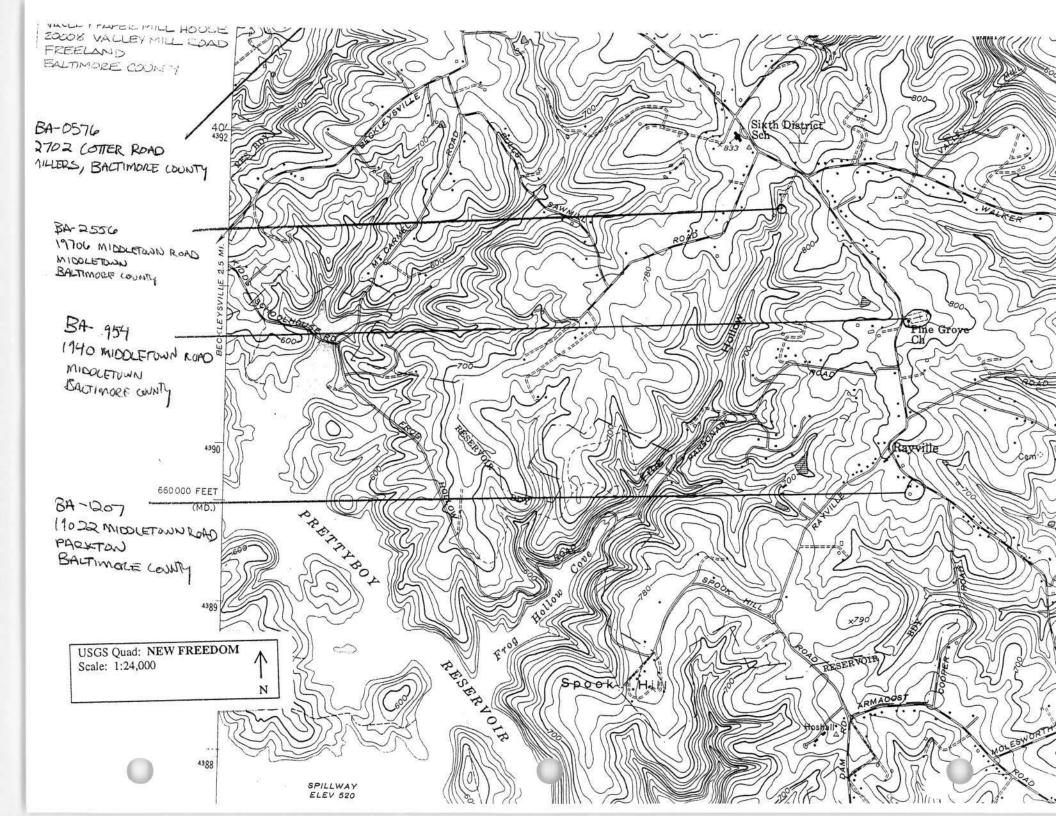
name/title	A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Traceries, Incorporated	date	May 29, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

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PINE GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, RAYVILLE - 1892 - NE side of Middletown Road, 0.4 mile NW of Rayville Road. Originally a United Brethren Church, the present building was put up in 1892 and is still provided with carriage sheds. in the rear. The congregation dates from 1850s when services were held in the Eagle Paper ill and in Kelly's Schoolhouse. An earlier church was built in 1854. Frame and clapboard building in Victorian Gothic style; gable roof. Central entrance tower with open belfry. Aluminum siding added. Also a cemetery.